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President's Message

As in any Club, a good Committee means a good year. And we are fortunate to have just that. Under President Arthur Napper a full program for 2016 was planned and we are now well and truly into it.

We started the year with our first Trivia night when eight teams of members and guests struggled for supremacy, having enjoyed a top dinner organised by our functions organiser, Gordon Stokes. It was a fun evening which we will probably repeat next year.

Brian Kennedy has put together a speakers program that is both interesting and wide-ranging. The first three speakers this year on The Struggle for Federation, the Sydney Heritage Fleet and last month, our own Ken Plumb, on his experiences mapping Australia as a government geologist in the Outback have set the tone well.

The activity program, organised by John Harston, follows a similar pattern. It is both fun and diverse. We kicked off with a walk thru the Nth Head Military Reserve. Then we had our day out on Pittwater on four member's boats. A top day (with perfect weather) and good company. And finally for March a BBQ at the Flying Fox Park. The rest of the year looks equally fun.

John, Brian and Gordon are responsible for the more obvious areas of our Club but there are another bunch of guys on the Committee working hard, unseen, to keep Pittwater Probus functioning as well as it does. They don't get much recognition but our Club fails without them.

So, your Committee has put together a program with, I believe, something of interest to everyone. With your support, it will be a good year.

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Speakers:

Today: Geoff Searl & John Illingsworth – Early Barrenjoey Headland

May: Michael Coxon –Ocean Racing

Activities and Functions:

See inside for detailed information

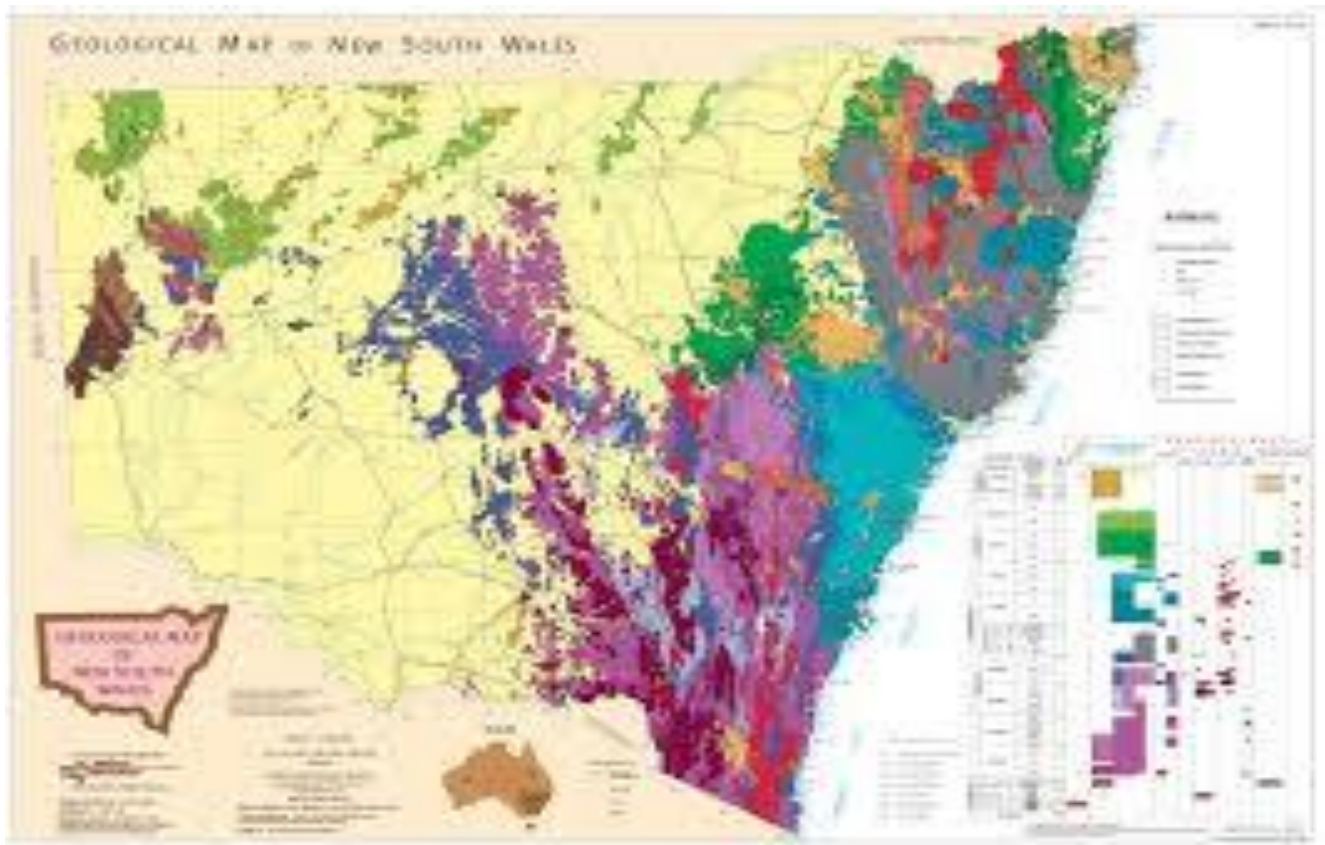
Monthly Golf, Palm Beach. All are cordially invited.

Speakers Corner

Our member Ken Plumb gave an interesting personal perspective on the Geological Map of Australia. After graduating from Sydney University at the end of 1958, Ken joined the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Canberra. The next 10 years was spent geological mapping some of the most remote areas of northern Australia - the Gulf Country, Arnhem Land, and the Kimberley. Helped by an amazing array of maps and photographs. Ken gave us an insight into the enormous task of mapping the vast brown land.

What is a geologic map? You may ask. Like all maps, a geologic map shows where things are. But while other maps highlight where you can find things like streets and streams, a geologic map shows the distribution, nature, and age relationships of rocks, faults, strata, and other geologic features. The standard series maps are published at **1:250 000** and 1:100 000 scale,

Ken mentioned some of the history of geological mapping and in particular one well known character, Edgeworth David whose most significant achievements were discovering the major Hunter Valley coalfield in New South Wales and leading the first expedition to reach the South Magnetic Pole. Obviously geological surveying is not just a pastime and it was resourced by the BMR. Many of the places mentioned are well known - Mt Lamington, Mt Young, Arnhem Land, East Kimberley – the list seemed endless. And the end result was often the discovery of vast amounts of valuable minerals. (Now of course there is the addition of satellite mapping).



ACTIVITIES

Several activities have been arranged for the coming year that require pre booking or arranging if they are to be successful. Set out below are details of such activities with the necessary booking information.

1. **Tuesday to Thursday, April 19 to 21, Golf & Recreation**

Two days are proposed at Dormie House (DH) in Moss Vale for golf and recreation. DH is an old style guesthouse located right on the Moss Vale Golf Club course. It offers excellent accommodation from straight rooms to dinner-bed and breakfast. I was quoted \$289 to \$299 for DBB per couple. Members intending to go to DH must make their own bookings either direct with DH (Ph. 4868 1800) or via "Wotif". Mention Pittwater Probus.

Members should travel to DH on Tuesday 19th with perhaps 9 holes in the afternoon. Golfers can play on Wednesday 20th while non-golfers go to Bowral for shopping and a visit to the Bradman Museum. The Illawarra Fly tree top walk is located nearby at Robertson.

We would return home on Thursday 21st with perhaps 10 holes at Bowral (with Bill Sherman's help!).

2. **Wednesday to Friday September 21 to 23, Canberra Floriade**

Visit Floriade on Thursday. Stay 2 nights (21st and 22nd) at the Kurrajong Hotel that is near the Art Gallery and Old Parliament House. Tariff for NRMA Members is \$355 for 2 nights including B/fast. Book on: 02 6234 4444. We could enjoy dinner at one of the Kingston Foreshore restaurants.

3. **Tuesday October 4 – Theatre**

A morning (11.00 am) matinee performance of "Barefoot in the Park" at the Ensemble Theatre on Kirribilli is proposed. Lunch could follow either at the theatre or in Kirribilli town centre. Members need to urgently book in advance (tickets \$61), as seats are limited.

J Harston (9940 0446)

Bowel Cancer Screening - Rotary BowelCare Program 2016

Screening every 1-2 years from age 50 could save your life

Bowel cancer screening involves a test for bowel cancer in people who do not have any obvious symptoms of the disease.

Bowel cancer can develop without any early warning signs. The cancer can grow on the inside wall of the bowel for several years before spreading to other parts of the body. Often very small amounts of blood, invisible to the naked eye, leak from these growth and pass into bowel movements before any symptoms are noticed.

A bowel cancer screening test called a **Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)** also known as an **immunochemical Faecal Occult Blood Test (iFOBT)** can detect these small amounts of blood in bowel movements.

Bowelcare Kits are available at participating pharmacies from 1st April to 31st May.

Decisions about screening tests can be difficult. Not all screening tests are helpful and most have risks. Before having any screening test, you may want to discuss the test with your GP or Pharmacist. It is important to know the risks of the test and whether it has been proven to reduce the risk of dying from cancer.

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc held 8th March 2016 at Mona Vale Golf Club

Meeting opened by the President Arthur Napper. 34 members present and 3 guests Twelve apologies from members. No inductions.

Meeting was suspended for the 35th AGM. Conducted by Peter Veney. Bill Sherman having been elected President continued with the Monthly meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mvd B Farrar 2nd B Henderson carried .Birthdays announced Bill Marshall, Victor Friezer , Roman Zwolenski No anniverseries.

David Varley gave Treasurer's Report.

Balance at 1/2/16 \$ 4057.86

Receipts , Morning teas \$115., Trivia night \$525.04, Bank Int .19

Total \$640.23

Payments. Morning Tea \$120, Trivia Meal \$867, Admin \$146.94, Badges \$28.21, Donation Speaker \$50.

Total \$1212.54 Balance at 28/2/16 \$3484.54

Gordon Stokes arranging a meal at The International College, Manly. John Harston announced activities 24th March Sailing on Pittwater, 31st March BBQ at Flying Fox Reserve, 7th April walk and lunch Stoney Creek, 19th April Two day trip to Dormie Haous , Moss Vale.17th May lunch at Dunes ,Palm Beach.

All members healthy at present. No general business . Following the Coffee break , Ken Plumb spoke on The Geological Map of Australia. Twelve members of the public attended as a response to a local magazine noting the talk. Golf at Palm Beach 11th March. Meeting closed 12.15

Signed as a correct record.

Beautiful Boating Weather



THE HANDOVER



Ken Plumb



At the Jim Somerville memorial “Jim’s Place”



Sailing



